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SUBJECT:IRANIAN TRAINING AT OAK RIDGE

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1. OAK RIDGE ASSOCIATED UNIVERSITIES ADVISES THAT IT HOPES TO BEGIN IRANIAN TRAINING PROGRAM IN EARLY MARCH 1978 IN ORDER TO COMPLETE FIRST THREE MONTH PHASE OF PROGRAM BEFORE BEGINNING OF SUMMER WHEN SOME LAB FACILITIES MAY BECOME CROWDED BECAUSE OF OTHER TRAINING COMMITMENTS.

2. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INFORM DR. KHAZANEH OF ABOVE AND ENCOURAGE HIM TO EXPEDITE SELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR PROGRAM. ORAU BELIEVES IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR MEMBER OF ITS STAFF TO PARTICIPATE IN FINAL SCREENING OF CANDIDATES AFTER INITIAL GROUP HAS BEEN SELECTED BY AEOI. COSTS OF TRAVEL AND SALARY FOR ORAU EXPERT VISITING IRAN WOULD BE CHARGED AGAINST IRANIAN TRAINING FUND.

3. IN ORDER FOR ORAU TO ACQUIRE STAFF AND UNDERTAKE
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PREPARATIONS FOR TRAINING, IRANIAN CHECK FOR \$71,880 AS INITIAL PAYMENT PROVIDED FOR IN TRAINING AGREEMENT SHOULD BE DISPATCHED PROMPTLY TO ORAU.

4. EMBASSY MAY ALSO ADVISE DR. KHAZANEH THAT FORMAL LETTER OF COMMITMENT BY ORAU TO PERFORM THE REQUESTED TRAINING IS NOW BEING PREPARED AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO

EMBASSY WHEN AVAILABLE. FYI IRANIANS HAD REQUESTED SUCH A DOCUMENT. END FYI.

5. NECESSARY FORMS FOR APPROPRIATE PROCESSING WILL BE AIR MAILED TO EMBASSY. ALTHOUGH INDICES CHECKS ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR ASSIGNMENT AT ORAU, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT MOST TRAINEES WILL LATER BE ASSIGNED TO OAK RIDGE NATIONAL LAB (ORNL) WHERE INDICES CHECKS ARE REQUIRED.

6. SUGGEST ALL IRANIANS SELECTED BY AEOI AS POSSIBLE CANDIDATES BE ASKED TO COMPLETE FORMS SO THAT WHEN FINAL SELECTION IS MADE, FORMS CAN BE SUBMITTED PROMPTLY TO DOE TO BEGIN CHECKS. WE WISH AVOID SITUATION IN WHICH AN IRANIAN IS SENT TO U.S. AND LATER IS DENIED ACCESS TO ORNL FACILITIES. VANCE

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